

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE

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Dear Lee,

Many thanks for your nice letter -- so like you to be so enthusiastic and generous. No matter how excited I am at the challenge in prospect, and I am very, nothing could cause me to be other than my old sweet self, or what is now becoming my sweet old self.

Pat and I are delighted to be back in Washington and to be given still another opportunity to help. We look forward to seeing you again.

Keep the prayers coming. I suspect they'll be needed.

Sincerely yours,

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STANSFIELD TURNER Admiral, U.S. Navy

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Dear Stan,

Wow!

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Congratulations on your recent nomination to one of the biggest jobs in the country. What a great honor--and so well deserved! I feel very secure in your speedy confirmation because no one, I feel confident, could possibly find anything wrong with you!

As I have told you before many times and now repeat: I've always recognized that your superior talents and abilities would one day help you attain tremendous stature--and have you ever! Boy! As an old friend, I am very proud of you and only hope that the awesome responsibility, hard work, and long hours will not affect your old sweet self! Promise?

So, with all my best wishes for much success in this new endeavor, I welcome you back to Washington. Know that my prayers go with you, as always, Stan.

As ever,

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe FPO New York 09524

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